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## Building A Strong Foundation



## STRAW, WOOD, or BRICKS?

Think of career development and planning as building a foundation for your future education and career prospects. How will you build that foundation?

A wise builder will pick the strongest material so the foundation supports whatever is built on top of it. If you choose straw, like the fairy tale pig, you might be scurrying later in life to pick up the pieces and rebuild. If you select wood, you've made a better choice for a strong foundation, yet it still may need to be shored up later to withstand the strains and stresses of life. Now, if you choose bricks, you've selected the strongest foundation material. You can build almost anything on this foundation and you'll be able to go higher than you could with some other choice.

So, what does all this mean? Simply put, the better you plan (build your foundation) now, the better your chances of a successful career will be later. Learning about occupations, what they pay, and what the future prospects are, will do wonders in helping you make informed decisions. Knowing a little about your interests, transferable skills, likes and dislikes, and how all these fit into your career development and educational planning will give you a solid foundation.

*Job Notes 2002* is one place to "look for bricks." Use things like the Career Planning Table, job search tips, the career interest inventory, college information, and career planning steps to start building your foundation for a successful career!